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SUBJECT: AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS SIGN AGREEMENT

REF: OTTAWA 8416 (SEPT. 16, 1977)

1. CHIEF SPOKESMAN FOR THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL ASSOCIATION HAS CONFIRMED REPORTS THAT A TWELVE-MONTH NATIONAL CONTRACT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1978, INITIALED AND RATIFIED, WILL OFFICIALLY BE SIGNED BY THE ASSOCIATION AND THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. THE AGREEMENT ANNULS BILL C-63 WHICH HAD EXTENDED THE 1976 AGREEMENT TO DECEMBER 31, 1977.

2. THERE IS SOME UNCERTAINTY WHETHER THE TORONTO LOCAL OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT CAN COME TO A SEPARATE AGREEMENT GRANTING BENEFITS IN ADDITION TO THOSE AGREED TO IN THE NATIONAL CONTRACT AND, IF SO, WILL THE ADDITIONS BE CALCULATED INTO THE NATIONAL CONTRACT SETTLEMENT, WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE ASSOCIATION'S SPOKESMAN, IS ALREADY AT THE MAXIMUM LEVEL ALLOWABLE UNDER THE ANTI-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFLATION BOARD. NEVERTHELESS, THE TORONTO LOCAL UNION HAS DEMANDED SPECIAL CONSIDERATION, BASED ON THE "HIGH DENSITY" OF THEIR REGION. THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION SAYS THAT HE HAS ALREADY WON AN UPGRADING OF FIVE OF THE SEVEN CANADIAN AIRSPACE REGIONS, INCLUDING TORONTO, ON THE BASIS OF THEIR BEING "HIGH DENSITY". EDMONTON AND WINNIPEG CONTROLLERS AGREED TO BEING EXCEPTED BUT COULD

CHANGE THEIR POSITION IF TORONTO IS GRANTED A SPECIAL
CONTRACT "SWEETENER". VANCOUVER AND MONTREAL MIGHT ALSO
DEMAND "SWEETENERS" IF THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT DOES
INDEED MAKE SPECIAL CONCESSIONS FOR THE TORONTO CONTROLLERS.

3. COMMENT: IT CANNOT BE SAID THAT LABOR-MANAGEMENT
PEACE IS ASSURED UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1978, SIMPLY BECAUSE
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A SIGNED NATIONAL AGREEMENT IS ABOUT TO BE OFFICIALLY
RECOGNIZED. DUEMLING

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